

Traffic Commission Agenda
April 20, 2005

Meeting held at the Traffic & Parking Office, 133 Holland St

Meeting called to order @ 6:05pm

Attendance:

- Members: George Manzelli, Lt. Paul Trant, Deputy Chief Tom Graney, Alderman Robert Trane, Commissioner Stan Koty
- Staff: Stephen Jones, Terry Smith, Laura Accaputo
- Residents of Conwell St, Francis Sweeney of 29-31 Fenwick St

Motion to suspend the rules and take items 2a and 3b out of order made by Robert Trane

Item #2 – Request for Fire Lane

a) Conwell St – extend existing fire lane from Frances St to the end of Conwell St (submitted by Ald. O'Donovan)

Residents of the street appeared to voice their opinions both for and against establishing a fire lane. Those who were opposed to the fire lane felt that better enforcement of snow emergency regulations would negate the need for a fire lane and all residents asked that cars be both ticketed and towed when in violation of snow emergency regulations. It was also mentioned that the No Parking Here to Corner sign is located 14 ½ ft from the corner, which is in conflict with the Within 20 ft of Intersection Regulation. The Department of Traffic & Parking will investigate the location of the sign and relocate if necessary. Deputy Chief Graney reported that the SFD did a 4-night survey of parking on this street and concluded that the Fire Department did not have adequate access to this end of the street. Stephen Jones reported that parking enforcement of this street showed that most vehicles parked on the street are residents of Somerville with valid residential permits. After a motion was made to approve the fire lane, residents asked that the city strictly enforce it.

Motion to **Approve** Deputy Chief Graney, 2nd Robert Trane, unanimous

Item #3 – Request for Handicapped Parking

b) 29 Fenwick St (applicant is a tenant and cannot use the driveway, Ald. Pero recommends approval)

Motion to **Approve** Robert Trane, 2nd George Manzelli, unanimous

Item #1 – Minutes from March 16, 2005 Traffic Commission Meeting accepted unanimously

Item #2 – Request for Fire Lane

b) Myrtle St – from the driveway @ #47-49 to the driveway @ #53, for a distance of 43 ft (submitted by Chief Kelleher)

Table

Item #3 – Request for Handicapped Parking

a) **13 Lee St** (applicant is a tenant and cannot use the driveway, Ald. Pero recommends approval)

c) **433A Broadway** (apartment building with parking lot, lot does not have any designated HP spaces, Ald. O'Donovan recommends approval)

d) **17 Houghton St** (property does not have a driveway)

e) **38 Packard Av** (applicant is co-owner of property and property has a 2-4 car driveway, Ald. Trane recommends approval for placement of HP on Electric Av)

Motion to **Approve** (all) Robert Trane, 2nd George Manzelli, unanimous

Item #4 – Request for No Parking Anytime

a) **Beacon St** – between the driveways at #88 and #94, this area can accommodate a compact vehicle and when a larger vehicle is parked it partially blocks the driveway, see photos (submitted by property manager of 94 Beacon St)

b) **Walnut St @ Medford St** – extending 50 ft north of Medford St to the driveway at #299-303 Medford St

c) **Dane St** – east side, at the beginning of the driveway between the Extra Space Storage facility and the Peabody Ames Day Care Center for a distance of 60 ft north towards Somerville Av (submitted by Ald. Heuston)

Motion to **Approve** (all) Robert Trane, 2nd George Manzelli, unanimous

Item #5 – Request for a Taxi Stand 5pm-7am (submitted by Sgt. Rooney)

Union Square at Stone Av – currently a loading zone 8am-5pm

Motion to **Approve** George Manzelli, 2nd Robert Trane, unanimous

Item #6 – Request to change existing No Parking 4pm-6pm to No Parking 7am-10am and 4pm-7pm (submitted by Ald. Heuston)

Washington St (from Mansfield St to McGrath Hwy)

Three Hour Restriction needed due to blatant abuse of used car dealer leaving vehicles on street. Motion to **Approve** Robert Trane, 2nd George Manzelli, unanimous

Item #7 – Request for (2) Two Hour Parking Meters

48-50 Grove St (currently unrestricted, submitted by Ald. Connolly)

Motion to **Approve** Robert Trane, 2nd George Manzelli, unanimous

Item #8 – Tabled Items

Request from Ames Envelope (March 16, 05) to reconsider a previous request from Nov. 17, 04 to change 10 parking spaces on Properzi Way, alongside their building, from 1 Hr Parking 8am-5pm to unrestricted parking

Motion to **Approve** Robert Trane, 2nd George Manzelli, unanimous

Robert Trane made a motion to add an item for discussion on behalf of the Board of Alderman: The BOA would like the process for making a street residential permit parking changed. Concerns were raised that the current process is both tedious and difficult and they recommend giving the Traffic Commission the authority to approve streets for permit parking without the petition process. The Director of Traffic & Parking

felt that this could cause potential problems with the residents. It was then suggested that the process be reversed so that if the Traffic Commission approved a street for permit parking and residents were against it, they could take up a petition to have it rescinded. The Director of Traffic & Parking felt that this too could be considered tedious and difficult. Robert Trane requested that the Director submit a letter to the Board of Alderman stating the potential problems of posting streets for residential permit parking without adhering to the petition process.

Meeting adjourned @ 6:40pm